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# LA MESA TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION

## AGENDA

A Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

**9:00 a.m.**

**City Council Chambers**

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## **AGENDA**

February 5, 2020

9:00 A.M.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER PADEN**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 1. TRAFFIC ACTION ITEMS SINCE PREVIOUS TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING (ATTACHMENT)**
- 2. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE (ATTACHMENT)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

### **NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)**

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 4, 2019 TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING (ATTACHMENT)**
- 4. WORK PLAN 2020**

### **COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS**

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Continuing discussion on educational opportunities

### **FUTURE ITEMS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**TRAFFIC WORK ORDER LOG 2019-2020**

Approved or completed since last Traffic Commission Meeting, December 4, 2019 (01/01/20 Meeting Cancelled)

WORK ORDER	PROJECT ACTION/DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
WO 19-27	Severin Traffic Calming Signage-Striping	Severin Drive
WO 19-28	Lois Street Traffic Calming Signage-Striping	Lois Street
WO 19-29	Remove accessible blue-curb, signs, markings	8019 Windsor Drive

<b>Traffic Calming Status: Update 01/29/2020</b>
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<b>Street</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Neighborhood Meeting Date/Status</b>	<b>Conceptual Design Date</b>	<b>Final Design Date</b>	<b>Neighborhood Design Notification and Survey</b>
Howell Dr	Phase III Construction	Completed	04/18/2018	07/18/2018	July 18th Meeting
Stanford Ave	Phase III Construction	Completed	07/05/2018	09/13/2018	Sept 13th Meeting
Olive Ave	Phase II Design	Design and Community Outreach Completed. Awaiting approval for sending out ballot measure	09/19/2019	12/12/2019	Dec 11th Meeting
El Paso St	Phase II Design	In Conceptual Design			
Lois St	Phase I Design and Implementation	Completed	09/19/2019	10/30/2019	N/A
Severin Dr	Phase I Design and Implementation	Completed	09/19/2019	10/30/2019	N/A

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Traffic and Mobility Commission  
 Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.  
 City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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The Agenda for this meeting was posted on November 27, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL: TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Leon Firsh, Engineering Project Manager Philip Kern, Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard, Administrative Coordinator Noemi Becerra, Administrative Office Assistant Carla Farr, Senior Management Analyst Tim Kawasaki

**INVOCATION** – COMMISSIONER ORTEGA

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

NONE

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**1. TRAFFIC ACTION ITEMS SINCE PREVIOUS TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING**

Mr. Kinnard reported on the two items on the Traffic Work Order Log that were approved since the November 6, 2019, Traffic and Mobility Commission meeting. (See Agenda Attachment – Traffic Work Order Log 2019) Commission comments and questions followed regarding the items.

**2. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE**

Mr. Kinnard gave an update on the status of traffic calming as of November 14, 2019. (See Agenda Attachment – Traffic Calming Status: Update 11-14-2019). He reminded the Commission about the upcoming Olive Avenue Traffic Calming meeting, on December 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

Dorcas Hermsmeier, 4827 Beaumont Drive

Mrs. Hermsmeier suggested that the City should reinstitute speed cushions as an option in the Traffic Calming toolbox to aid in emergency vehicle response times.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)**

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 6, 2019 TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION MEETING (ATTACHMENT)**

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2019 Traffic and Mobility Commission meeting. Commissioner Paden seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**AYES:** Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioner Ortega, Commissioner Paden, Commissioner Justice

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

### **4. RECOMMENDATION FOR AN INCREASE IN SPEED LIMIT, FROM 35 MPH TO 40 MPH, ALONG JACKSON DRIVE BETWEEN LAIRD STREET AND CENTER DRIVE**

Mr. Firsh and Kinnard provided the following information for the commission's consideration.

1. Background information about the location and traffic patterns along the street.
2. Speed and volume data from a speed survey's conducted in 2016 and 2019 by Kimley-Horn warrants an increase in speed limit from 35mph to 40mph.
3. The 2016 speed survey showed 85 percent of vehicles traveling on Jackson Drive between Laird Street and Center Drive were traveling at 46 MPH. The consultant erroneously applied 2 special conditions, residential and bike lanes, which resulted in rounding down to 35 MPH.
4. The 2019 report was corrected and applied 1 condition rounding down to the nearest 5 MPH; becoming 40 MPH.

Considerable discussion between the Vice Chair and Commissioner Justice followed. Vice Chair Krulikowski pointed out on the survey that while the current speed limit is 35 MPH, drivers are exceeding that speed. Further, he said California Law requires that we set speed limits that are reasonable for what people are driving on the street. He feels speeding tickets given in this area would be challenged and thrown out in court if the street is kept at the current speed limit, because speeding 10 + 1 (51 MPH) is not occurring based on the survey.

Chair Calandra questioned the data of the 2016 report versus the 2019 report, with seemingly different conclusions based on the same data. Commissioner Justice questioned the 10 MPH + 1 MPH threshold, to which Vice Chair Krulikowski explained the limits in regards to "speed traps".

Vice Chair Krulikowski suggested it might be beneficial to obtain information from the City of San Diego, and make them aware of the change. Commissioner Ortega noted that there were limited accidents based on the report, and that they were not speed based. Vice Chair

Krulikowski stated that when the speed survey is reevaluated in 2 years, he suggests breaking it into different segments for evaluation, based on all the different zoning and conditions on the street.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the staff recommendation to approve the 40 MPH limit, but requests City Staff evaluate signage on the street. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-2.

**AYES:** Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioner Ortega, Commissioner Paden  
**NOES:** Chair Calandra, Commissioner Justice  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

### **COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS**

Chair Calandra spoke about continuing education, mentorship, and feedback among the Commission. He asked Vice Chair Krulikowski about the possibility of Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) classes, similar to ones attended in the past. Vice Chair Krulikowski stated he was willing to contact ITE, and will let the Commission know about upcoming classes.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Firsh noted that the January Traffic Commission meeting is canceled, due to falling on the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 holiday. He also stated the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) would likely be discussed at February Traffic Commission meeting.

### **FUTURE ITEMS**

NONE

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**DUE TO A HOLIDAY CONFLICT, THE JANUARY 1, 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELED.  
THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS FEBRUARY 5, 2020.**

Commissioner Paden will lead the Invocation.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.



## TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY COMMISSION

### Work Plan 2020

**Goals should be consistent with the City's goals:**

- Safe Community
- Maintain a Financially Sound and Affordable City Government
- Continue to Improve High Quality Municipal Services
- Revitalize Neighborhoods and Corridors
- Enhanced Recreation and Quality of Life Opportunities
- Effective and Efficient Traffic Circulation and Transportation
- Ensure Safe and Affordable Homes for All Current and Future Residents

**Staffing Department:** Public Works Department – Traffic Engineering Division

GOALS	DUE DATE	TRACKING MILESTONES	STATUS
1. Continuation of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program implementation and program adjustments	Bi-annual	Report to include removal of items from list of streets	
2. Vision Safety Zone implementation and monitoring	Ongoing	Respond within 90 days when a completed petition is received	
3. Permit Parking Policy implementation and monitoring	Ongoing	Respond in 90 days when a completed petition is received	
4. Vision Zero policy development and monitoring	Annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Annual report to be provided as determined by staff</li> <li>b. Recommendations of Capital Improvements Projects based on budget</li> </ul>	
5. Update Municipal Code to reflect approved Council change from Traffic Commission to Traffic and Mobility Commission	May		
6. Solicit applications for Traffic and Mobility Commission vacancies	June		
7. Regular business of the Traffic Commission	Ongoing		
8. Commissioners to attend traffic related public meetings on a rotating basis.	Ongoing		
9. Commissioners to attend continuing education as available and/or provide updates at meetings.	Ongoing		